RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR : With a view to minimising the difficu lties inseparable from the prevailing food shortage Government have sanctioned special arrangements for the issue of foodgrains to working elephants and forest labour.

MR. V. I. IDICULA: കഴിഞ്ഞ രണ്ടുമൂന്നു മാസക്കാലമായി റാന്നിയിലുള്ള ഫാറസ്റ്റ് കൺട്രാക്റ്റർമാക്ക് അരി കിട്ടുന്നുണ്ടോ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: കിട്ടുന്നില്ലെന്നറിവില്ല.

MR. V I. IDICULA: ഇവർ ആനയ്ക്കുവേണ്ട അരി എവിടെനിന്നാണ് വാങ്ങുന്നതു?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തുള്ള ഗോഡൗണിൽനിന്നാണ്.

MR. V. I. IDICULA: ഇവർ തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തുനിന്നും അരികൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിന് വളരെ ക്ലേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നറിയാമോ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: എല്ലാ കൺട്രാക്റ്റർമാരും കൂടിച്ചേർന്നു ഒരു ലോറി ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയാൽ അരികൊണ്ടുപോകാൻ എളുപ്പത്തിൽ സാധിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthikapalli*): May I know whether the foodgrains allotted to elephants are fit for human consumption?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR : No, the food grains intended for the elephants are not quite fit for human consumption.

Forest Division Officer, High Range Division.

204. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any separate Forest Division for the High Ranges;

(b) whether they or the Conservator of Forests, have received any complaints against the conduct of the Forest Division Officer, High Range Division, or the Game Warden; and

(c) if so, the nature of the complaint and the action taken thereon?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR : *(a)* Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The complaint is under enquiry.

MR. P. O. THOMAS *(Kunnatnad* cum *Parur)* : May I know the nature of the complaint which has been received as admitted in part *(c)* of the answer?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR : It is not advisable to divulge it, Sir.

PRESIDENT : The matter is under enquiry and it will be very embarrassing to divulge it on the floor of the House.

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MR. K. M. PAUL *(Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam)*: With regard to part *(b)* of the question, the answer given is 'Yes'. May I know whether it is the Game Warden or the Forest Division Officer whose conduct has become a matter for enquiry?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Well, both are the same, Sir.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR *(Vaikom* cum *Kottayam)*: May I know whether as Game Warden or as Forest Officer that the complaint is taken up?

PRESIDENT: When the honourable member has stated that it is under investigation, what is the point in asking things which lead to statements which cannot be divulged on the floor of the House?

Amounts spent by the P. W. D. in the taluks of Kunnattur and Mavelikara in the year 1121.

205. *MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN *(Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur)*: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent by the P. W. D. for original works in the taluks of Kunnattur and Mavelikara in the year 1121; and

(*b*) the amount that was allotted for the taluks for respective works?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN *(Chief Engineer)*: *(a)* and *(b)*. The statement furnishing the information is placed on the Secretary's table.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: Sir, from the statement laid on the table of the House, it is not possible to ascertain the amount actually spent for these works. May I know what was actually spent?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About 50 per cent. I have not got the statement here.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: May I know whether there is any work which has not yet been begun?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: There are some works which are still under various preliminary stages like preparation of estimates, etc.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: May I know whether the road from Adoor to Sasthancottah is fit for traffic?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I had travelled along it only the other day, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know when the Chief Engineer asked the Executive Engineer to submit the estimate in this connection?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Sometime last September.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know why the honourable member has not taken any action?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am taking action.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED *(Quilon* cum *Kottarakara)*: May I know whether he has inspected the roads in the Quilon town?

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